January 2, 1957

Mr. Richard I. Doober
16 Chelfield Road
North Wills, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Doober:

Although we have never met, our interest in writing in respect to American Colonial numismatics is one which has given both of us considerable pleasure. I think that the cooperation of a few of us in throwing together the Franklin number of the Numismatist was a very direct result of Mr. Bradfield's enthusiasm and that the Numismatist should carry more articles of high quality under his leadership.

I am writing on the copper coins used in early America and I need your help to interpret the enclosed broadside. There is no date on the broadside and you will note that it was first dated 1747 and then dated 1743. Both of these dates are completely in error as far as I can see. Crosby shows, on pages 169-170, that on June 18, 1741 the merchants set the rate for which halfpence circulated at 15 to the shilling. It therefore seems to me that they would have circulated at 12 to the shilling previous to that date. Since the broadside specifically states that 12 years before the Delaware paper money ran into difficulties in Pennsylvania and that these difficulties were solved by the Pennsylvania Loan Office Trustees agreeing to accept Delaware paper currency, that we could find the actual date of this broadside. Do you have in your notes any information concerning this Delaware paper money episode? If not, have you access to any records which you believe will pinpoint the date in question. I will be very grateful to you for your cooperation on this item and hope that you can solve it for me.

I believe you will be very interested in an article coming out shortly in the Numismatist on the British counterfeiting of Continental currency during the American Revolution. I will send you a reprint when it is available. American Numismatic Society has just published a monograph I completed on Coinage for Colonial Virginia and a few of the details on the Virginia James River banknote forms might be of interest to you.

I have enjoyed and referred to your articles very often and hope we shall have some opportunity to meet in the future.

Sincerely yours,

EPH/atb

RIttenhouse 6-9859

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Richard T. Hoober,
Sec'y and Treas.

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1629 Race Street :: Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

January tenth
1 9 5 7

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis 2, Mo.,

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your very nice letter, and although I do not have much information concerning the copy of the broadside you sent, I did want to write to you, and will write again later, as soon as I can unearth any additional information that might be helpful to you. Historical Society records and data will be checked here in Phila., and from a few other sources I may find something of interest to you.

Yes, I think Brad did a fine job assembling the various articles, and yours, in particular, were very interesting and surely well received, for I have received numerous letters from various members of the fraternity, all complimentary. After all, that is the pay that makes any such work worth-while; the fact that such articles are read with interest and the readers take time out from their own busy lives to write of now much they enjoyed reading them. My own efforts pertaining to shedding some interesting light on the phase of colonial currencies have helped several to become interested and do some study on their own part. Too many collectors are interested only in the investment, or speculative angle, and display no interest in the acquisition of knowledge.

I would deeply appreciate receipt of a copy of your forthcoming article; you have indeed been burning the midnight oil, for your monograph just published by the ANS was excellent as to composition and general interest. The paper on counterfeiting of Continental Currency will make a nice companion to Gillingham's on Penna., and Kenneth Scott's on New York, etc.

Also, if you are interested in buying, or trading, any colonial, or Continental notes, let me know, as I have quite a stock of some, and do occassionally acquire counterfeits, etc., that may be of special interest to you in your work. Do you have a large collection of notes? It is very interesting to me, for some fellows collect just one note of an issue, or collect only certain colonies' notes, while others try to get complete issues of all denominations. I also have a correspondent in Illinois, who collects only for the various types of engravings and wood-cuts as examples of colonial printing methods, etc. Then others, want all possible signature combinations. So, I may have something you want from time to time.

Just as soon as I can locate any facts for you I will write at once. Do you want the copy of the broadside returned? In any event, I will take good care of it for you. Again, many thanks, and with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours, Dick Hoober

P.S. I do have a crisp counterfeit (I think) of a Yorktown note, $4.00 which is rarer than the original, & cause for recalling this issue.

January 14, 1957

Mr. Dick Boober
Boober & Bull Company
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Boober:

Thanks for your nice letter of January 10th. You may keep the duplicate of the broadside and I certainly hope that you find out the correct date.

Thank you for the nice words with respect to my little articles. I am doing everything I can to encourage education in numismatics rather than roll or proof speculation.

My article on counterfeit Continental currency, apparently, is being split between the January and the February Numismatist and, no doubt, you have read the first section by this time.

I would like to see all of the Continental currency in your collection which you believe is counterfeit including the $4 Yorktown which you mention.

You might also make a list of your duplicates, Colonial as well as Continental) because I have a substantial number of duplicates and I collect those vigorously.

You are certainly in a locality where Colonials and Continentals ought to turn up continuously. If you have a large stock of them I would be very much interested in buying or trading - whatever you wish. I do not collect signatures but I do collect each denomination of each issue.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

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Richard T. Hoober,
Sec'y and Treas.

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1629 Race Street :: Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

January sixteenth
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter received yesterday, and as I come across counterfeit notes, I will certainly keep you in mind and send them on to you for your inspection. Herewith enclosed are some that may be of interest to you, all in rather nice condition. My list of notes would be pretty lengthy, as I have been interested in the colonial notes for 20 years now.

When your article is finally published, and Brad sends you a number of copies in reprinted form (if he does), please set aside a copy for me, as I would deeply like to have one, and if you want a copy of some of those I had published some time ago, I would be pleased to reciprocate, as I have a few of the one on Virginia, I know, and am not sure about the New Jersey, etc.

Trying to ascertain the exact date of your broadside seems rather difficult, but I am still trying to solve the puzzle. If we could know the printer's name and address. On the basis of 15 half pence per sh., the half pence referred to is doubtful, but it may be Wood's coinage, Rosa Americana, or Hibernian, and though they are dated 1722, 1723, 1724, their use in the colonies would surely be at some later period, for in Oct. 29, 1725, the Duke of Newcastle, in London, sent notice to Gov. Dummer, of Mass., that King George 1st had granted Wood the patent to coin half-pence, etc. specially for use in the colonies.

These coins naturally became quite popular, supplying the necessary lack of specie in small denominations. It is therefore, possible that the broadside refers to the Wood's coinage as being recognized in England and the colonies. Reference to Del. currency sets the date pretty well before 1741, thus between 1726-1741. Perhaps mr. Clarence Brigham, of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., a friend, could give you some assistance. And, don't overlook the fact that this may have been published at a much later date, for Crosby's facts may not be definite as to the date (I say, <u>may</u>, without being too adamant about it. Colonial finances right up to the end of the Revolution were a terrible mess, as you know, and rates of exchange for specie were constantly in a state of flux! But, I am still working on it, and I do hope I can come up with more direct information for you in the very near future.

Yes, one would surmise that colonial notes would be readily available in this vicinity, but as with so many things today, the influx of so many new collectors, and a certain percentage desiring such material, nearly everything today is at a premium, and large lots of such previously common things as Civil War token, Confederate notes, broken bank bills, are becoming scarce just as authorized coinage has in recent years.

I haven't yet received my issue of the Numismatist for January, and look forward to reading your article. F.C.C.Boyd was in my office yesterday and stated he had seen it. I guess mine will be along in a day or so. He has been something of a patron saint to me for many years, and have had many wonderful visits to his home to see his very rare notes, etc. I did get quite

a number of his colonial duplicate notes a few years ago, but many have since been sold. He made a great haul when he bought the Chapman collection here back around 1940, I think it was.

So, as soon as I come across any additional information, I will write to you at once. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick Hooker

January [illegible], 1957

Mr. Dick Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hoober:

I received the notes you sent on approval and because I had all of them I let a friend of mine, here in St. Louis, buy a few. Returns from him will be delayed a few days as he is out of town but I did not wish to delay in writing you.

Please feel free to send as many Colonial notes as you wish as I hope I can find some I do not have. The 24 counterfeit Continental bill, identical to yours, will be described in the February Numismatist.

With respect to the problem I gave you on dating the Pennsylvania broadside, I wish to give you a few additional facts which I discovered. The merchants of Philadelphia agreed to take Newcastle and Lower counties paper money at par in December, 1723 (History of Philadelphia by J. T. Scharf and T. Westcott, Vol. 3, page 2005). Delaware just put out its paper money in 1723. Apparently the refusal of people to take the bills must have been about 1729 when the bills expired. 1729, plus 12 years, dates this broadside about 1741 which conforms to the logic deduced from Crosby's June 18, 1741 ruling.

I hope the foregoing will help you solve my riddle.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 2[illegible], 1957

Mr. Richard Hoober
1[illegible]29 Pace Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hoober:

I am returning herewith three of the six notes you sent and my friend indicated a desire to retain the following:

New Jersey	3 sh.	March 25,1776	[illegible]5.00
Connecticut	40 sh.	May 10, 1775	[illegible]6.00
New Jersey	18 pence	Dec. 31,1763	[illegible]4.75

The Connecticut item is marked "uncancelled" but I find it has a slash cut.

As I indicated to you in my previous letter, please send as large a group as you care to and I am sure the interest here between the two of us will be enough to make it worth while for you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

January twenty eighth
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Dear Mr. Newman.

Thank you for your letter, and although I have been checking through some records, I just cannot come up with another specific fact to pin down that exact date. Have you noticed any watermarking in the paper itself? There may be a slight clue in that fact. From what you have stated in your letter, and from reading of Rodney's work on Delaware notes, I think that your deduction as to the date being 1741, is probably as close as you can get. If there were some clue to be gotten from the printer and paper, might be of some help. A very close microscopic study of the printing type used, and compared to other printers or notes might also be of some help.

Here are some other notes you might like to look over. I have intended going through my stock of Continentals just to look them over for counterfeits, but will wait until your final portion appears next month. Then, will you please send me one or two copies of the reprinted article intact, when Brad sends you a number for your use? I would deeply appreciate it, so I can better keep all articles on colonial period together. I will be glad to pay for them, so do keep me in mind. Thanks!

As I acquire any nice colonial notes, I will be pleased to send them for your inspection. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

R. T. Hoober

February 20, 1957

Mr. Richard I. Doober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Doober:

I have been waiting for the reprints of my article, "Continental Currency Goes to War" before straightening out the paper money you submitted but they have not come yet and I do not wish to delay any longer.

There is enclosed herewith a check for $22.75 covering:

Pennsylvania threepence	$7.00
Pennsylvania ninepence	$7.00
New Jersey John Hart	$5.00
New York Water Works	$3.75

Six items are being returned which I already have in my collection and my friend does not seem to be intrigued with.

You may now feel free to send me as many more as you care to.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAT

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40.00	9/26/75	———	4. — th
50.00	"	———	5. — th
60.00	"	———	5. — gen
"	"	(cut canc.) —	4. — th
30.00	7/22/76	———	4. — [illegible]

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

Tuesday, 19th.

Dear Mr Newman

I have just finished reading the concluding portion of your very excellent article on counterfeiting, and I must say you deserve the highest price for your contribution. As a result, I have been checking through a number of my notes for notes similar to those you have cited. After separating them, I thought I would send them to you for your observation. The cut-cancelled notes are identified in some cases as counterfeits, and, as you stated, many of the notes are difficult to detect. The #30.00 note, or the paper, is not a counterfeit, I believe, but perhaps similar to those blue notes used to detect counterfeits - which you probably have some specimens already.

I have been working on a more complete article re Franklin, and intend submitting it to the "American Heritage" for publication. I am sure the publication would appeal to you, as it contains nothing but historical accounts of people, events, places, customs, all beautifully illustrated and set up. Naturally, I have to alter it from the original, in order to make it more interesting to the

general reader, rather than for a serious collector. But, it is fun and something I enjoy greatly.

I had a call from Fred Boyd, who will be in my office tomorrow as he always does on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. He has been a wonderful friend for many years and was the one who really pushed me into doing serious research + study in numismatics. I noticed your reference to his assistance in your article. We have had many wonderful visits to his home in Jersey, and also when he lived in New York.

I am sending them to you, and if there are any you want, that is OK, but I have priced them on the accompanying slip of paper. I will try to keep my eyes open for others as they turn up.

Will you do me a favor, and send me 2 copies of your article when Brad sends you the reprints? I will be deeply grateful to you.

Trusting everything is fine with you, and that you have received the other notes I sent you, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick Hooker

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA

January twenty-first
1947

Dear Mr. Newman

Upon your or your father, etc., hearing this morning, who good and would see some of the above I sent you, and suppose that by this time you have received those certificates of mine.

Incidentally, since I wrote, I find that it was definitely stated that 1729 was a critical year for the finances of the colony of Pa., and there was a reference to this matter in a letter from a correspondent to Franklin to the situation, so I think you are safe in your reasoning about the year being 1741, as the date of its being written. I still keep it in my mind, and if I can dig up any more information, will surely inform you.

Here are some other notes you may care to look over. I find I did not include the [illegible] note in the previous list I sent, but which I mentioned to you, so it is now added herewith.

Trusting everything is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick Hoober

March 11, 1957

Mr. Richard Woober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Woober:

I am sorry about the delay in answering you but I wanted to offer some of your items to a friend of mine here in town and we do not get together often enough.

As to the state issues, I am returning all except the 20 shilling Pennsylvania, $11.50, and tuppence Connecticut, $4.00.

As to the counterfeit Continental notes, there were three which I did not have. One had a hole cancellation and I was wondering if you would be kind enough to exchange that with me for a counterfeit I have with a hole cancellation. The other two were $5.00 each and I am enclosing a check to cover.

I am returning all of the items of yours in my possession other than those being acquired except for the May 11, 1775 note on pink paper. I would like to have this if it is not essential to your collection.

I was very interested in your confirmation of the date of the Pennsylvania broadside and I am delighted that you are writing a story for the American Heritage Magazine. I do not think along the lines of popular writing for the general public and enjoy writing technical material much more. Of course, I try to make the technical material as interesting as I can. If I can be of any help to you in assembling information for articles for magazines, do not hesitate to call on me.

If you have more paper money don't hesitate to send it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EW:stb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

Dear Mr. Newman

Thank you for your very kind letter [illegible] the notes I sent you. It is perfectly alright with me if you [illegible] your article. Just [illegible] counterfeits, [illegible] your selection. Just [illegible] I am not quite sure, but you ask me [illegible] some that may be of interest to you.

[illegible] editor to get my [illegible] Bureau of Engraving, [illegible] to make illustrations [illegible] Bureau of Engraving, [illegible] trying to help him with dummy proofs and mockups for forthcoming issues of his Liberty advertising [illegible] shunt me [illegible] my purpose of completing the [illegible] soon for awhile.

I greatly appreciate your [illegible] time in compiling information, and I will certainly [illegible] you for such help. I agree with you I have always had difficulty in writing about notes of strictly numismatic basis for students collectors, and find it terribly hard to phrase the article that must be of a more general nature for the general public reading. My article I wrote many years ago for the New Jersey Numismatic [illegible] Jersey note signers, started me off with interest in trying to tie in some technical [illegible] bring out what is relevant historical incidents [illegible] that occurred at the same time, trying to make it more appealing to the general reader.

There is never any need for haste in returning anything I may send you from time to time. Especially now that winter weather is here. I like to get out

think I'll tackle that!

I [illegible] through his entire [illegible] just for future reference. I [illegible] a number of notes, I am [illegible] !!

So, here are some other items you might like to have, and I trust you will receive them promptly. Take your good time about returning them, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Dick

P.S. Many thanks for the reprint of your very, very fine article. I appreciate it very much.

Dick

April 26, 1957

Mr. Richard Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hoober:

I waited until the Numismatic Convention to clear up the matter of the notes which you forwarded to me as I thought I might find some parties who would be interested in buying these. Everybody seems to be a dealer and not a collector so I have no interest in wearing myself out with dealers.

It so happens that there was nothing I could use in this group but instead of buying the Pennsylvania 20s note of May 20, 1759, I took a 1781 Pennsylvania note in its place. Both were priced at $11.00.

I have been doing some additional research on Colonial paper money and in the course will get to some publications on the subject.

I still have not gotten over the fact that Dick Kenney died. He was such a sincere scholar.

I certainly would not wish to put you to any expense in connection with obtaining pictures of some of the early Colonial notes in the collection of FCCB but at an appropriate time I would like to make prints of your negatives of early issues. If, of course, you have extra copies of positives which you do not require I will be very grateful recipient. Please let me know what the most convenient way is for me to obtain these photos.

Kenneth Scott just had his book on counterfeiting in Colonial America published by the Oxford Press. I believe it will be put on public sale some time next month. There is only one bad feature and that is that he dedicated it to me. I presume he had to, to ease his conscience, in view of the fact that I furnished him a substantial amount of material.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,

EC /atb

May 9, 1957

Mr. Richard Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hoober:

I made a slight error in my letter of April 26, 1957. The 1758 Pennsylvania 20 shilling note which I had previously bought for $11.00 was returned to you and in its place I took a 1781 Pennsylvania note which was priced at $7.00 and the pine unstamped Continental piece which I valued at $4.00. This should square matters up.

Excuse me for trying to confuse you.

Sincerely,

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ERV/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

Mar 2[illegible],1957

Mr. Richard Doober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Dick:

I have a reference in Mason's Coin and Stamp Magazine, for June, 1871, to some material describing the counterfeits of Continental currency which is described as "from an old newspaper, Philadelphia, November 26, 1777." The bills are described and constitute, principally, those of the issue of May 20, 1777. I would very much like to find out what newspaper this is and wonder whether, at one of the libraries, you could help find this out for me.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

June 4, 1957

Mr. Richard T. Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hoober:

Our letters crossed and I will get to your notes in due course.

I am very interested in your negatives of the various Colonial notes and I certainly would appreciate having prints of some of them. Some major work should be done on Colonial currency and perhaps we ought to undertake it jointly. I have a great deal of historical material assembled.

It so happens that I will be going away for my summer vacation the end of this month and, therefore, I would like to wait until fall before getting into this matter.

Incidentally, the March 1, 1769 note which you sent me is a counterfeit - for which you ask $7.50. Under these circumstances is that still your price.

Lately I have been working on the exposure of the Oak Tree sixpence, Noe 19, as a fraud. This coin was never located by Noe and I happened to find it in Europe. I secured it for the American Numismatic Society, who were delighted to have it, knowing it was probably bad. Apparently, it is unique. I have assembled evidence showing it is a spurious coin of the mid-nineteenth century.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

June 27, 1957

Mr. Richard Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hoober:

The group of Pennsylvania currency which you recently sent included a 60 shilling of March 1, 1769 for which you quoted $7.00. This has 3 big x's across its surface and is counterfeit. As I told you, I felt this price was rather high and wondered if you cared to make an adjustment on it. I am leaving town and I wanted you to have the other Pennsylvania notes for disposition to someone else.

I received some very nice letters requesting an exhibit for the Philadelphia convention but I do not think I will be able to attend or exhibit.

I certainly look forward to the opportunity of meeting you and am sorry that that appropriate occasion will not fit in to my schedule.

Have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

2 d. — 4/3/72 — $ 7.50

96 ch. — 3/10/57 — 12. —

70 ch. — 4/25/54 — 12. —

8 ch. — 3/20/73 — 5. —

60 ch. — 3/1/69 — 7. —

18 d. — 4/3/72 — 7. —

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

August 21, 1957

Mr. Richard Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 36, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hoober:

I have been away on vacation and did not get an opportunity to answer your letter of July 1st.

The last check I sent you was for $11.00 and I actually included the counterfeit note for $4.00. The other note which was kept was priced at $7.00 and, in that way, the $11.00 total was reached. According to my calculations we are even but I certainly did not make my last letter to you clear.

I hope you had a wonderful time at the convention and I look forward to hearing from you with respect to further notes.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
coins & stamps
1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

August twenty eighth
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Well, we really had some Convention here last week; everyone reported having a grand time, with excellent auction material, and nice exhibits. I had one bad job, that of acting as judge for the 350 cases of exhibits, which was really very tiring and difficult, as we wanted to be just as fair about awarding the prizes as possible.

But, it is all over, and I am sorry you could not attend. I had a nice talk with J.D.Ferguson, of Quebec, another kindred spirit interested in colonial notes, etc., but there was not one exhibit of colonial paper there! A real pity too! But, so it goes; next time there may be several!

I am about back to normal again, and thought I would drop you a line and send a few notes for your inspection. However, I know you have probably been on vacation and won't be able to write immediately, but no worry about that; take your time and no hurry to answer.

I am still at work on the Franklin theme, and hope to whip it up within a week or two and get some illustrations to go with it, and then see what happens with it. Trusting everything is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

September 24, 1957

Mr. Richard Goober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I am returning all of the notes you sent me except for three items which are: Pennsylvania 20 shilling, April 25, 1759, fine, $13.00, Pennsylvania 15 shilling, May 20, 1758, very good, $11.00, Pennsylvania 20 shilling, July 1, 1757, very good, $9.00.

The only thing that makes me hesitate about buying them is the price and I have a suggestion. I have a joined pair of three-pence notes of June 16, 1764, in uncirculated condition. These, of course, have the Franklin name boldly printed on the back, as you know. Would you be willing to exchange this pair of notes for the three notes above-mentioned?

I am working very hard on completing my numismatic library and wonder if you have any old magazines, catalogues, etc. which you would be willing to sell. If so, I would be delighted to send you some of my wants. I need the American Journal of Numismatics, the old Coin Collectors' Journal, much of the new Coin Collectors' Journal, very old Numismatists, some early sales catalogues, etc.

Sincerely yours,

LWN/atb

Dictated but not read

RICHARD T HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

September twenty sixth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I do not think I could trade the three notes you have retained in trade for the pair of 1764 notes. The last 3d. note of that issue I had in crisp condition I sold for $12.00, and I am sure the pair are worth what you are asking, but to me the $33.00 total for my notes, especially the fine 1759 note, which is really difficult to obtain in decent condition, wes reasonable. My alternate proposal would be to let you have the 3 notes for a total of $28.00, a reduction of $5.00 for them, but you do just as you wish about them, and whatever you do is fine with me, I assure you.

I do have some of the 1764 notes on hand too, although not a nice crisp pair such as you have, and I would rather trade for notes of some other series or colony that I don't already have, such as Ga., Carolinas, etc. I have enough Rhode Island, Penna., Maryland, Del., and New Jersey notes on hand for my current wants.

I will try to scout around for any old items for your library, so let me know what you have, or need, and although I don't have very much in books, will send you what I have, or quote prices to you. Do you want only articles, etc., pertaining to colonial notes, or do you want a general library relating to coins as well?

Please don't fogget to send me a copy of your article when you receive your lot of repirnts from Brad, will you? Any charges for same will be promptly paid, and with deep appreciation. Again, many thanks for everything, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

Pa

Hooker

7/1/1757	20 sh	9.00	$28.00 old Prov.
5/20/58	15 sh	11.	
4/25/59	20 sh	13.	
3/10/69	9d	5.00	
4/20/81	1 sh 6d	6.50	need Boyd has dup unc
3/16/85	1 sh 6d	7.50	Boyd has dup
4/12/60	12 sh	6.00	Too poor to buy

December 13, 1957

Mr. Richard T. Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Dick:

I could write a long letter of apology or a short letter of apology as I am really embarrassed by not having answered your letter in so long. All that happened to me is that I have devoted full time to writing a monograph for A.N.S. and I finished it yesterday. Now I can go back to collecting again.

Enclosed please find check for the 1757, 1759 and 1759 Pennsylvania items, for $21.00, and the 1769 Pennsylvania piece for $6.00. The balance are being returned. If you still have the confidence to send me any more, please feel free to do so.

As far as books are concerned, do you have any very early Numismatists? Do you have any Vol. XIII, old Coin Collectors' Journal (1888)? Do you have any Mason Coin & Stamp Journals? Do you have Attinelli's book entitled "Numisgraphics"? I also am interested in a large group of auction catalogues and price lists. Perhaps you have the Philadelphia ones of Haseltine, etc. I need Stewart's on the history of the United States mint; Hickcox' "Historical Account of Early American Coinage." If you could tell me what you have that you might be willing to part with I will be glad to give you much more detailed lists.

My best to you for a Happy Holiday.

Sincerely,

ENP/tb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
coins & stamps
1629 RACE ST.
PHILA. 3, PA.

December Sixteenth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter received today, and it was nice to hear from you again, and I don't know how you can work in so many things, in your schedule, which I am quite sure, must keep you hopping constantly; I know for myself, with my own small business here, I have so little time, it seems, and there are so many pieces of unfinished business laying around that I should be working on. But our business generally slows down somewhat during the winter months, and perhaps after the New Year I will find a bit more time.

You asked about old books, I earlier this year had Stewart's book, as well as a copy of Hickock's, and Tait's on Mass. currency, but they were sold to... Hickock's is a good reference for state coinage, especially varieties of Conn. cents, etc. A chap wanted to sell me Henry Philip's book on colonial and Continental paper money, for $75.00, but I felt it was pretty high price for that work. I may be able to pick up a copy of Stewart's, and should I be successful, I will surely let you know right away.

I will be looking forward to seeing your forthcoming article, or monograph, in the ANS publication, and I know it will be up to your high standards of research and be very interesting. What subject does it cover.

There is not much else to report to you at this time, and I will send these notes off to you today, and I do hope you and your loved ones will have the Merriest Christmas ever, with fulfillment of all your wishes for the coming New Year, with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

April 10, 1958

Mr. Richard T. Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Dick:

I just re-discovered your envelope of notes and am returning herewith all but the Delaware 20 shilling of May 31, 1760 at $4.50, for which check is enclosed.

This month A.N.S. will publish a piece of research I did on the Vermont coinage as part of their Centennial publication. I have just written and submitted to them a monograph covering some additional points on Massachusetts silver and I know this will be of interest to you.

Lately, I have been lecturing on the Civil War coinage and currency and there seems to be an amazing revival of interest in that period. Perhaps it is because of the coming Centennial of the Civil War and the commercial enthusiasm whipped up by Criswell, and others.

I have just located a wonderful British counterfeit, namely, the 40 shilling Connecticut of May 10, 1775. I have been looking for it for years.

I certainly look forward to meeting you whenever I get to Philadelphia.

My very kindest personal regards, and thanks.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
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1629 RACE ST.
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May sixteenth
1 9 5 8

Dear Eric:

I hava been trying to write you long before this, but many events here have conspired to delay my doing so; wa have been undergoing a strika in our industry here, and together with the opening up of work as is customary in the spring, has really had all of us running around in circles. But, today thera are rumors that it may be settled before the week-end, so we will just sit tight and wait it out!

I guess you are deep in another monograph by this time; I think it is wonderful that you can do so much work, and tha only aspect I regret is that more students are not developed through thair association with numismatics. Too many indeed, everywhere, are interested only in speculating in rolls and proof sets, and then become disgusted with it when thay don't make a million out of it, and often lose money in such manipulation.

I have gone through my stock, and thought that some of thase may interest you, as I am pretty sura I haven't sent them befora; they may fill in a few voids. So, at least you can look them ovar at your ease- no rush about them at all! Just got a new price list from Criswell of Americana, which I suppose you too have received, and only wish I had some of those colonial un-cut sheets back again that I sold some years ago, as the prices have really skyrocketed.

Everything else here is about the same, and I do hope you are enjoying nice spring weather as we have been having lately. With kindest ragards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

May 26, 1958

Mr. Richard Hoober
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

In your latest group of Colonials, I am sorry to report, I had all of them except the Rhode Island, which is not in good enough condition to bring me happiness. I am returning them herewith.

You are right that I am deep in other research at this time. My Vermont article in the A.N.S. Centennial publication was fun to write and I have one or two monographs in process along with some other articles. This keeps me out of mischief.

Did I ever ask you to look through your stock of English George III halfpence and see whether you have any genuine or counterfeit of any date between 1770 and 1788. Would you be kind enough to do so?

I am looking forward to meeting you some day soon but, for the moment, I have no plans to be in Philadelphia.

Don't be too worried about Criswell's valuations. It pleases those who own the items and displeases those who do not. Whether it creates sales is another matter.

Thank you for your friendly and interesting comments.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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~~1629 Race Street~~ :: ~~Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania~~
236 Rices Mill Road, Wynnote, Penna

October 24, 1959

Dear Eric
Well, it has been much too long a time since our last correspondence, and I'm willing to assume full responsibility. I was trying to do this at the office, but oil and water just don't mix, so I packed up everything, brought it home and I promise I'll be a lot more prompt in the future. So, please make a note of my home address above for reference. You have been keeping the presses hot with your articles, etc, and that is good, and yet, I often wonder how many converts we get by our efforts, to turn away from speculation and turn to real numismatics!

Did you see Pickers ad in the current Numismatist? It's just a mess of Conn funds, and what prices! I guess I'm just too timid, and then to describe how the buyer can repair the notes with scotch tape. He had a supposedly XF, 40 ch. of 7/1/80, priced at $20.00!

I too have been steadily working on four articles, one of which is about ready to send to Brad, concerning envelope postage stamps, similar to the encased variety, but practically unknown to collectors. It fills another link in our nations currency history. Then too, I'm working on Md. paper money, and have made photos of the issues I'll be working on out to try to determine genuine and counterfeit uncut coins, in collaboration with a professor at Texas A & M. We have made a number of analyses, with micro-photos of 500 diameters. It is quite unusual and interesting to study them, with my access to library of American Philosophical Society, and doing a complete study of Franklin and money in the Colonies.

I have been intending for some time to go through my C. C. notes, using your booklet or them counterfeiting as a guide and send them to you for your inspection. But perhaps you have turned to other interests in the meantime.

Right now I'm dickering with a man for one of the country's finest CSA note collections, most varieties, including the very

rare Montgomery issue complete, which I understand, recently brought $2,250.00 &c. I hope I have further word during the coming week. I also may get about 20 nice fractional currency specimens, or proofs. Could you use a fractional currency shield 25 was offered one last week.

I have been doing a painting of an Bermudatown for Chew, the descendant of Benj Chew, living in same manner his ancestors have lived on since about 1750, in an unbroken line! Everything on the place is simply terrific, including a rope Penn gave to Chew when he went back to England, 5 carriages, including a coach in which Washington rode down Bermudatown the times we fought over during the Battle of Bermudatown, and antiques, guns, clothing, most anything you could name, have been turned thru since the place was built. Showed me a couple hundred common colonial notes of Pa, and Del & N.J, none rare. But, I may get some. Also, documents signed by the Penns, Charles II George II and with wax seals intact, or parchment. A fabulous treasure of history, and very interesting, many packets of deeds sent over from Penn to Chew about 1770, never opened. Am going to get an experts opinion about them and perhaps try germinating them!

Well, I guess I've rambled on long enough. Drop me a line and let me know what's new in St. Louis. I do hope you have been well and enjoying these lovely autumn weather. With kindest regards, Norman,

Cordially yours,

Lucke Steptick

October 2[illegible], 1959

Mr. Richard Noober
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

It was very nice receiving your letter of October 2[illegible], 1959, and I am glad you are caught with the bug of research.

Naturally, I will be glad to help you in going over any of your Continental Currency collection, if you wish me to, as, regardless of what research project I am working on, I am always glad to help.

You indicate that you are going to write an article concerning enveloped postage stamps of the Civil War period. Fred Boyd had a box full of them and definitely promised me a few of these but, so far as I know, the box has not been located and I wonder whether he disposed of it to you or whether you know what happened to it. There is an article on the subject written in the past but I presume you have that data already.

I think that your possible acquisition of almost a complete set of Confederate material is very exciting and I plan to lend my own collection of that material to Smithsonian for the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. Perhaps some of the material you acquire could be loaned, also.

I am giving the fall lecture at the American Numismatic Society on Saturday afternoon, November 14, and it will be on the subject of Machin's Mills.

I think your research on Franklin and the American Philosophical Society can be very exciting and I refer you to the little article I did on the subject in the Franklin number of the Numismatist. The letters which I quoted were their letters.

October 28, 1959

As far as prices Picker has asked and the condition of the items, we can only assume that this is comical.

It is always nice to hear from you and I would like very much to have you give me the dope on the enclosed postage stamps matter.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible] P. [illegible]AN

[illegible]/atb

23[illegible] Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
October 30, 1959.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your nice letter, received today. The photos I made some time ago were from Boyd's envelopes, but I was not aware that a previous study had been made of them, and suppose mine is rather superficial in the light of your comments. So, perhaps I should not bother to send it to Brad!!

I never asked Mrs. Boyd about the collection, and he really got some nice colonial notes from me a long time ago. Wish I could get the whole collection that he got from Chapman here, which included all issues of everything including Vermont, and only specimen of Mass. 1690 note, which I photographed, and now cannot locate the nagative! Did I ever send you illustrations of the Vt. notes? Would you like me too if I can find them around the house. I made several copies from the negatives, and they were real beauties, believe me!

The bug of research bit me a long time ago; my first attempt was in 1943, when Boyd gave me a set of denarii of twelve Caesars, all gems, and the Otho was simply superb. Payment was to be made by finding out all I could about those coins, writing an article, sending it to the Numismatist, and also giving it in the form of a talk before our Coin Club here, which I did, and that twas that! Then, about 1946 I started in studying the colonial notes, and used to get piles from Ira Reed here.

I acquired some of these Treasury notes, excellent specimens of the early savings bonds, and was wonderingif they were of interest to you. I also got some fac-similies of early New Hampshire notes; 1740, 1755, etc. Excellent engravings. Would you want to see them?

Cordially yours, Lee Hoover

November 11, 1959

Mr. Richard Hoober
236 Rice's Mill Rd.
Wyncote, Pa.

Dear Dick:

I thought you might be interested in having the citation to the Civil War postage stamp envelopes. There was one article in the American Journal of Numismatics, Vol. 52. The other article is in Vol. 33 of the Numismatist, page 181 (May, 1920). I will be glad to send you a photostat of the latter and my miserable copy of the former if you do not have it available.

With respect to the Connecticut items you forwarded which were duly swiped out of the State records, I am wondering whether you have other specimens of the interest issue. You sent me a 10 shilling and a two pound. Do you have a one pound, or five pounds, or five shillings, etc? I presume these items are not a present and that you are offering them to me for sale. Send me some more of the printed denominations and I will then make up my mind as to what to take.

You never did send me the pictures of the Vermont notes and if you would, I would be most grateful.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

936 Hare's Hill Road, Wyncote, P[illegible],
November 14, 1959.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your nice letter, and I hope your forthcoming courses, in N.Y., will be a wonderful success. Know it will be.

You asked about dates of the Ft. notes, and I am [illegible] to [illegible] you a set. Aren't they nice? Neither, the notes? Alas, I am carrying the only other Co.. Treasury notes I have; got them [illegible] for a change in a trade. To [illegible] your statement regarding their being "swiped" is about correct, now that I think it over. Those I sent earlier were priced in pencil on the [illegible], as are these.

You mentioned sending me on loan the earlier photostat and copy of articles pertaining to the stamp envelopes. I would deeply appreciate them for just a day or two. I don't want to submit just a duplicate of those but they will surely have some good information I may be able to incorporate in mine.

I have a fine assortment of N.C. notes here now, 240 notes, not all different of course, but mostly inexcellent condition. I wrote to the sender, and haven't yet heard from him if he accepts my offer.

I had 4 of the C.C. of 1778, the $40 denomination to send you to check whether genuine, but mislaid them. Two had Wilson's signature, and I remember Hurley mentioning long ago that he had seen only 2 genuine Wilson signatures, so they probably are counterfeits too. Will try to find them before I write again. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

November 19, 1959

Mr. Richard T.Hoober
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

It is my pleasure to send you photostats of the article covering U.S. Postage Stamps as Necessity War Money and it so happens that it is the same article which appeared in both AJN and the Numismatist. You may, of course, keep these photostats for your file.

I wish to thank you, very sincerely, for the Vermont photographs.

If you acquire the large group of North Carolina notes, please send them on my way as I would be very much interested in adding to my collection. Of course, I will be glad to give you my thoughts as to any of the Continental Currency counterfeits or bad signatures.

With respect to the Connecticuts, I am returning those in which I am not interested and am retaining, for the present, four of them to determine whether they could have circulated as money. They are not endorsed but the enabling act might have made it possible for them to circulate.

I will need a little time to study this matter but will probably end up keeping them. The total value of the group is $14.50.

I look forward to reading new things you write and to hear from you at any time.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

[illegible] Hill Road, [illegible]ncote, Texas.,
[illegible]ovember 13, 1959.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and the photostat, and I appreciate your kindness very much. There isn't a word of information therein, but in checking through the list of robbers, found an additional five to add to it, and I shall present the story of them in the chronology of the period. I believe the illustrations accompanying your photostat were of the identical notes of Boyd's, which I understand, he and Bill Wright [illegible] to be identical in every respect.

I am enclosing also a [illegible] of Sept. 23, 1776. They all look like counterfeits from your description, and the two separate notes with Hiram's signatures I would also like you to inspect. Harvey stated a long time ago he had seen only genuine Hiram signatures, so these will be spurious notes as well. At any rate, your opinion would be greatly appreciated.

I have been trying to receive a letter from the [illegible] notes, but so far no success. I will certainly let you know as soon as the matter is settled. Earlier this week I received a beautiful [illegible] check, and a [illegible], obtained about two weeks. others are quite scarce items. And, the other colonial notes that I have here haven't been settled yet either, so all in all, last week should produce some results!

Here are a couple of photos of the envelopes, and if you don't need some of the others, I'll get them on to you as well. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dale